

**CLASS SPECIFICATION**  
**County of Fairfax, Virginia**

**CLASS CODE:** 5144

**TITLE:** URBAN FORESTER IV

**GRADE:** S-32

**DEFINITION:**

Under general supervision manages a staff of Urban Foresters performing work relating to tree preservation and planting, landscaping, screening, tree cover and assessment.

**TYPICAL TASKS:** (Tasks listed are for illustrative purposes only)

Ensures compliance with County vegetation preservation and planting requirements and landscaping and screening ordinances;

Plans and evaluates the urban forestry program and ensures the availability of resources through the budgetary process;

Reviews and approves or disapproves plans and transitional screening waivers/modifications;

Answers questions and resolves complaints from engineers, developers, builders, citizens, and staff;

Serves as liaison to County committees and commissions;

Ensures the preparation of necessary legislation and requirement amendments;

Represents the County at meetings and conferences.

**REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:**

Knowledge of theory and practice of urban forestry;

Principles and practices of landscape design;

Principles of plant physiology;

Tree evaluation techniques;

Principles of grading and drainage;

Principles and practices of management;

Effective communication (oral and written) techniques.

**EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS:**

Any combination of education and experience equivalent to:

Graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with a degree in forestry, horticulture, landscape architecture, agriculture or related field; AND

Four years experience in forestry, arboriculture, landscape architecture, or engineering relating to urban forest management.

REGRADED:

July 8, 2006

REVISED/RETITLED:

February 11, 1991